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Joint Inspection Unit

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-sixth session the items entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations" and "Joint Inspection Unit" and to allocate them to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the items at its 4th, 5th and 28th meetings, on 8 and 9 October and 19 November 2001. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/56/SR.4, 5 and 28).

3. For its consideration of the items, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Management of buildings: practices of selected United Nations system organizations relevant to the renovation of the United Nations Headquarters" (A/56/274) and his comments on that report (A/56/274/Add.1);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on policies and practices in the use of the services of private management consulting firms in the organizations of the United Nations system (A/54/702);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection

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Unit on policies and practices in the use of the services of private management consulting firms in the organizations of the United Nations system (A/55/979).

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.3

4. At the 28th meeting, on 19 November, the representative of Botswana and coordinator of the informal consultations on items 121 and 128 introduced, on behalf of the Chairman, a draft resolution entitled "Management of buildings: practices of selected United Nations system organizations relevant to the renovation of the United Nations Headquarters" (A/C.5/56/L.3).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.3 without a vote (see para. 8, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.4

6. At the 28th meeting, on 19 November, the representative of Botswana and coordinator of the informal consultations on items 121 and 128 introduced, on behalf of the Chairman, a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on policies and practices in the use of the services of private management consulting firms in the organizations of the United Nations system" (A/C.5/56/L.4).

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.4 without a vote (see para. 8, draft resolution II).

III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

8. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution I
Management of buildings: practices of selected United Nations system organizations relevant to the renovation of the United Nations Headquarters

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Management of buildings: practices of selected United Nations system organizations relevant to the renovation of the United Nations Headquarters"[1] and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon,[2]

1. *Welcomes* the comprehensive and timely preparation of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit;[1]

[1] A/56/274.
[2] A/56/274/Add.1.

2. *Endorses* the report of the Joint Inspection Unit and requests the Secretary-General to take full account of its recommendations and findings when elaborating the capital master plan, without prejudice to the future consideration by the General Assembly of the report of the Secretary-General on the capital master plan;

3. *Decides* to revert to the consideration of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon within the context of its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the capital master plan, requested by the Assembly in section IV of its resolution 55/238 of 23 December 2000.

Draft resolution II
Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on policies and practices in the use of the services of private management consulting firms in the organizations of the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 55/232 of 23 December 2000 and 55/247 of 12 April 2001,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on policies and practices in the use of the services of private management consulting firms in the organizations of the United Nations system[3] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments as well as those of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon,[4]

1. *Endorses* the elements contained in paragraphs (b) and (d) of recommendation 1, and recommendations 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Joint Inspection Unit;[3]

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General and participating organizations of the United Nations system, when addressing the issues raised in paragraphs (a) and (c) of recommendation 1, and recommendations 6, 7 and 8 of the Joint Inspection Unit, to take fully into account the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 55/232 and 55/247 when using the services of private management consulting firms.

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[3] A/54/702.
[4] A/55/979.